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TAGS: PK, US

SUBJECT:GENERAL ZIA'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER

1. ON JANUARY 31 PAK EMBASSY DELIVERED FOLLOWING LETTER
FOR PRESIDENT CARTER FROM GENERAL ZIA:

QUOTE:

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT, AMBASSADOR HUMMEL HAS CONVEYED THE
MESSAGE YOU WERE GOOD ENOUGH TO SEND TO ME WHILE OVER-
FLYING PAKISTAN ON THE CONCLUSION OF YOUR VISIT TO INDIA.
I THANK YOU FOR IT AND FOR YOUR KIND WORDS ABOUT MY
COUNTRY'S ROLE IN THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD AND SPECIALLY
IN REGARD TO THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS AMONG THE
STATES OF SOUTH-ASIA.

WE ARE DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU COULD NOT COME TO PAKISTAN
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DURING YOUR RECENT TOUR OF SEVEN COUNTRIES. I VENTURE
TO HOPE THAT BEFORE LONG THERE WOULD BE AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU TO VISIT PAKISTAN. I ASSURE YOU OF A WARM AND
ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION.

WE WELCOME THE REAFFIRMATION OF AMERICAN SUPPORT FOR THE

TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, DEVELOPMENT AND INDEPENDENCE OF PAKISTAN AND THE ASSURANCE OF ABIDING U.S. FRIENDSHIP FOR PAKISTAN WHICH REFLECT THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE MUTUALITY OF INTERESTS AND THE CLOSE AND ENDURING TIES THAT LINK OUR TWO COUNTRIES. YOUR DECLARATION THAT THE SOVEREIGN EQUALITY, SECURITY AND INTEGRITY OF EVERY NATION IS ESSENTIAL FOR WORLD PEACE AND STABILITY WILL BE WIDELY ACCLAIMED BOTH FOR ITS SUBSTANCE AND TIMELINESS. IT WILL HELP PROMOTE A CORRECT PERCEPTION OF U.S. POLICIES IN SOUTH ASIA.

MR. PRESIDENT, WE APPRECIATE AND ADMIRE YOUR PROFOUND REGARD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC VALUES. THIS IS A CONCERN WE SHARE WITH YOU IN A VERY REAL WAY. I AM MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS FOR AN EARLY RESTORATION OF OUR DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS. CONTINUED MORAL SUPPORT OF FRIENDS SUCH AS THE UNITED STATES WILL HELP US IN ACHIEVING THIS GOAL SPEEDILY.

WITH MY WARM PERSONAL REGARDS AND ASSURANCES OF HIGHEST ESTEEM AND CONSIDERATION. GENERAL(M. ZIA-UL-HAQ) UNQUOTE.

2. WE ARE CONSIDERING APPROPRIATE REPLY. VANCE

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